

Appl. No. 09/755,360
Amdt. Dated November 11, 2005
Reply to Office action of September 5, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has cancelled Claims 9-30; Claims 31-38 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-8 and 31-38 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 9-17 and 19-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson, et al. In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 9-17 and 19-30 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

3.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-8. The Applicant has also added new apparatus claims 31-38 and respectfully submits that claims 31-38 are system claims reciting similar limitations as now allowed claims 1-8. The Examiner's favorable consideration on the newly added claims is earnestly requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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